LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible pipe (1) for the transport of fluid in the field of offshore oil production, of the type comprising at least, from the its inside outward, a pressure sheath (2), a pressure vault comprising comprised of at least one pressure-resistant armor (3), an intermediate sheath, and at least one tensile armor ply; (5, 6), characterized in that it includes, in the

<u>an</u> internal annular space (30), formed <u>defined</u> between the pressure sheath (2) and the intermediate sheath; (4),

a draining layer in the annular space and (13) that allows the gases present in this annular space (30) to be drained away, the and in that said draining layer is being formed by the a short-pitch winding of at least one elongate element (12, 14, 18, 19) that includes transverse drainage spaces or recesses (15) extending transversely of the winding that allow the gases to drain away between the successive turns of the winding and in a direction approximately transverse to said a direction of winding of the turns.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the elongate element is a profiled wire (12).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the elongate element forming the draining layer is made from comprises a preformed metal strip.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the draining layer (13) is formed by a hoop surrounding the pressure-resistant armor (3).

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- 5. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the lay angle of claim 1, wherein the elongate element of the draining layer has a lay angle is greater than 70°.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims; characterized in that claim 1, wherein the elongate element (12) forming the draining layer (13) includes transverse recesses (15) distributed longitudinally for enabling each recess so as to be at least partly aligned with another recess in the elongate element once it when the elongate element has been wound, thereby forming in order to form transverse drainage channels along the aligned recesses (7).
- 7. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the elongate element has, in its a profile[[,]] including a longitudinal space so as to for allowing allow the gas to flow within any one turn of the elongate element.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the elongate element forming the draining layer (13) is made entirely or at least partly of a polymer material.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The flexible tubular pipe (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the draining layer is formed by the winding of two different ones of elongate elements (18, 19).

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